

Page 33, line 23, delete "Also, it is contemplated that tat least the top layer of the floor mat can include anti-" and replace it with "Also, it is contemplated that at least the top layer of the floor mat can include anti-".

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 4, 5, 6, 8, and 11 as follows:

4. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein at least one of said protrusions integrated within said mat structure has a cross section shape of at least one of circular, oval, elliptical, octagonal, rounded, and polygonal.

5. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein at least one of said protrusions integrated within said rubber mat structure is located on the top surface of said mat.

6. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the thickness of the resultant first layer of foam rubber if from about 5 to about 500 mils.

8. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of claims 1, 2, 3, and 7, wherein said rubber mat structure includes at least one of cleats and texture on one of the upper or lower surfaces thereof.

11. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10, wherein the protrusions are shaped or arranged in at least one of groups, designs, patterns, stripes, words, and

combinations thereof.

[Add new Claims 29 - 44 as follows:]

29. The floor mat of Claim 1, wherein each of said protrusions have a cross section shape of at least one of letters, numbers, designs, patterns, circles, ovals, ellipsis, polygons, and combinations thereof.

30. The floor mat of Claim 11, wherein said protrusions are arranged in a pattern of alternating groups of elongate ovals with adjacent groups rotated 180° relative to each other.

31. The floor mat of Claim 30, wherein each group includes 4 protrusions.

32. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 13, 29, 30, and 31, further including a raised border surrounding said protrusions.

33. The floor mat of Claim 32, wherein said raised border surrounding said protrusions has a sloped upper surface.

34. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 2 and 3, wherein said second layer of solid rubber comprises an upper cap which covers the upper surface of said mat.

35. The floor mat of at least one of Claim 7, wherein said third layer of solid rubber

comprises a lower cap which covers the lower surface of said mat.

36. The floor mat of Claim 2, wherein said second layer of solid rubber covers the upper surface of the mat and said protrusions are in the lower surface of the mat.

37. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein said protrusions are located on the bottom surface of said mat.

38. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 2 and 3, further comprising at least one of nubs and bumps on the upper surface thereof.

39. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said protrusions are located on the upper surface of said mat.

40. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said protrusions are located on the bottom of said mat.

41. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, 3, and 7, wherein each of said protrusions has a cylindrical upper end and a lower conical portion.

42. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said rubber mat structure further comprises a third layer comprised of solid rubber.

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6. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein the thickness of the resultant first layer of foam rubber is from about 5 to about 500 mils.

8. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of claims 1, 2, 3, and 7, wherein said rubber mat structure includes at least one of cleats and texture on one of the upper or lower surfaces thereof.

11. (Amended) The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, and 10, wherein the protrusions are shaped or arranged in at least one of groups, designs, patterns, stripes, words, and combinations thereof.

New Claims 29 – 44 as follows:

29. The floor mat of Claim 1, wherein each of said protrusions have a cross section shape of at least one of letters, numbers, designs, patterns, circles, ovals, ellipsis, polygons, and combinations thereof.

30. The floor mat of Claim 11, wherein said protrusions are arranged in a pattern of alternating groups of elongate ovals with adjacent groups rotated 180° relative to each other.

31. The floor mat of Claim 30, wherein each group includes 4 protrusions.

32. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 13, 29, 30, and 31, further including a raised border surrounding said protrusions.
33. The floor mat of Claim 32, wherein said raised border surrounding said protrusions has a sloped upper surface.
34. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 2 and 3, wherein said second layer of solid rubber comprises an upper cap which covers the upper surface of said mat.
35. The floor mat of at least one of Claim 7, wherein said third layer of solid rubber comprises a lower cap which covers the lower surface of said mat.
36. The floor mat of Claim 2, wherein said second layer of solid rubber covers the upper surface of the mat and said protrusions are in the lower surface of the mat.
37. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, and 3, wherein said protrusions are located on the bottom surface of said mat.
38. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 2 and 3, further comprising at least one of nubs and bumps on the upper surface thereof.
39. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said protrusions are located on the upper surface of said mat.

40. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said protrusions are located on the bottom of said mat.
41. The floor mat of at least one of Claims 1, 2, 3, and 7, wherein each of said protrusions has a cylindrical upper end and a lower conical portion.
42. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said rubber mat structure further comprises a third layer comprised of solid rubber.
43. The floor mat of Claim 4, wherein said protrusions are shaped or arranged in at least one of groups, designs, patterns, stripes, words, and combinations thereof.
44. The floor mat of Claim 41, wherein the protrusions are on the bottom of said mat.